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SUBJECT: DUTIES OF OFFICERS DESIGNATED TO HANDLE ANTARCTIC
AFFAIRS

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1. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY IN REF OM (B), EMBASSY IS INFORMED
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TO DESIGNATION OF OFFICERS IN EMBASSIES IN CAPITALS OF
ANTARCTIC TREATY CONSULTATIVE PARTIES. PURPOSE IS TO ENSURE
THAT DEPARTMENT KNOWS WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ANTARCTIC MAT-
TERS AT POSTS (SEE ALSO PARA 2, BELOW), TO ASSURE THAT
ANTARCTIC ISSUES WILL BE FOLLOWED BY EMBASSIES IN PERIODS
BETWEEN CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS, AND TO FACILITATE INTERNA-
TIONAL DISCOURSE BETWEEN DEPARTMENT AND MFA'S VIA THE

EMBASSIES IN PERIODS LEADING UP TO ANTARCTIC MEETINGS.
AT POSTS IN CAPITALS IN WHICH MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED,
DEPARTMENT WOULD EXPECT THAT OFFICER DESIGNATED TO FOLLOW
SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES WOULD, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF CHIEF
OF MISSION, TAKE ON SUCH ADDITIONAL REPORTING, COORDINATING
AND RELATED DUTIES AS MAY BE REQUESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT
OR REQUIRED IN PREPARATION FOR AND DURING U.S. PARTICIPATION
IN SUCH ANTARCTIC MEETINGS.

2. DEPARTMENT WOULD ALSO EXPECT, SUBJECT TO CONCURRENCE
OF CHIEF OF MISSION, THAT OFFICERS DESIGNATED TO FOLLOW
ANTARCTIC AFFAIRS WOULD NORMALLY BE THOSE WHO WOULD
UNDERTAKE DEMARCHES ON ANTARCTIC MATTERS, ALTHOUGH WE
WOULD EXPECT THAT SOME DEMARCHES WILL BE HANDLED AT SENIOR
EMBASSY LEVELS. THIS MAY WELL BE INCREASINGLY THE CASE
AS ANTARCTIC TREATY MOVES TO ADDRESS MORE DIFFICULT AND
IMPORTANT POLITICO/ECONOMIC RESOURCE ISSUES IN ADDITION
TO TRADITIONAL SCIENTIFIC AND RELATED ISSUES CUSTOMARILY
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